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SUBJECT: DRAFT REPORT TO NATO MINISTERS ON MEDITERRANEAN  
SITUATION

REF: (A) USNATO 5446; (B) USNATO 5556; (C) STATE 227655

1. HEREWITH FOLLOWS DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON PARAGRAPHS ONE THROUGH 49 OF NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. DEPARTMENT'S FURTHER COMMENTS ON PARAGRAPHS 57 AND 59 ALSO INCLUDED.

2. PARA 8 SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION WHICH WAS LAUNCHED LAST SPRING HAS LOST SOME OF ITS MOMENTUM." DELETE LAST SENTENCE.

3. PARA 10 FIRST SENTENCE BEGIN AS FOLLOWS: "THE RETURN OF KING HUSSAIN...."

4. PARA 12, FIRST SENTENCE, SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:  
"DESPITE PERSISTENT DIFFICULTIES WHICH LED TO IRAQI MOVES AGAINST THE SOVIET, CZECH, AND EAST GERMAN CULTURAL CENTERS IN BAGHDAD, IRAQIS AND SOVIETS SEE THEIR INTERESTS SERVED BY A CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP."

5. PARA 14 DELETE "IN ORDER TO WIN ADMISSION TO THIS GROUP OF STATES."

6. PARA 17 DELETE "WITH THE SURPRISING EXCEPTION OF LIBYA."

7. PARA 18 SHOULD BEGIN AS FOLLOWS: "ON 10TH OCTOBER A SOVIET AIRLIFT WAS STARTED. THIS AIRLIFT PROVIDED THE ARAB BELLIGERENTS WITH MASSIVE MILITARY AID." THIRD SENTENCE SHOULD BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: "BOUMEDIENE VISITED MOSCOW UNEXPECTEDLY ON 14 OCTOBER, NO DOUBT IN ORDER TO SOUND OUT SOVIET INTENTIONS REGARDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND TO ASK FOR SOVIET ARMS."

8. PARA 19 SUBSTITUTE "CALLED FOR" FOR "DECIDED ON" IN  
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THIRD SENTENCE.

9. PARA 20 DELETE "ALGERIA" LAST SENTENCE.

10. PARA 26 SHOULD READ "THE SOVMEDRON DURING THIS PERIOD WAS THE ONLY SOVIET OPERATIONAL FORCE IN THE AREA."

11. PARA 30 ADD TO END OF FIRST SENTENCE "AND INCLUDING

THE DELIVERIES OF INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS."  
DELETE SECOND SENTENCE.

12. PARA 33 FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "DIRECT SOVIET  
MILITARY SUPPORT TO THE ARAB NATIONS HAS BEEN AT LEAST  
TWO-FOLD."

13. PARA 38, FIRST SENTENCE, LAST PART SHOULD READ:  
"...WAS EVIDENCED IN PART BY:"

14. PARA 39, SECOND SENTENCE, SHOULD READ: "REPORTS  
UNDERESTIMATED QUANTITIES AND TYPES OF MATERIALS  
DELIVERED." DELETE THIRD SENTENCE.

15. PARA 40 SHOULD READ: "SOVIET TRAINING HELPED THE  
ARABS TO ACQUIT THEMSELVES BETTER IN BATTLE THAN EVER  
BEFORE."

16. PARA 42 FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "PRIOR TO THE  
WAR, EGYPT HAD A CHRONIC AND WORSENING FOREIGN EXCHANGE  
SHORTAGE. EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES WERE MAKING...."

17. PARA 45, FOURTH SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "IN THIS  
CONNECTION, TUNISIA WHILE WARY OF LIBYAN INTENTIONS,  
SEEMS TO BE SEEKING...."

18. PARA 47 SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ "THE COUNTRIES  
IN THE ARAB-PERSIAN GULF HAVE, IN PRACTICAL TERMS,  
INCREASED POSTED PRICES BY 70 PERCENT. THIS WILL OF  
COURSE AFFECT SELLING PRICES IN CONSUMER COUNTRIES."

19. PARA 48 SECOND SENTENCE: CLAUSE "...TO TAKE OVER"  
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SHOULD BE CHANGED TO "...SIGNIFICANTLY TO INCREASE THEIR  
PARTICIPATION IN..."

20. PARA 49 SHOULD BE UPDATED WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED  
IN REWRITTEN PARA 64 REFTEL C.

21. DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE IN THIS REPORT  
THE STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE TO THE ALLIANCE OF THE MIDDLE  
EAST CONFLICT AND US ACTIONS TAKEN TO DEAL WITH IT. PARA  
57 SHOULD BE REWRITTEN TO REFLECT THIS AS FOLLOWS:  
REINFORCEMENT OF THE SOV MED RON, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH  
SIGNS OF SOVIET PREPARATIONS FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT  
TO THE MIDDLE EAST OF AIRBORNE FORCES, REPRESENTED A  
POTENTIALLY DISTURBING SITUATION REQUIRING INCREASED  
ATTENTION BY NATO. THE ENLARGED SQUADRON COULD POSE

AN INCREASED THREAT IF IT WERE DIRECTED AGAINST NATO.  
HOWEVER, IT IS PRESENTLY CONCENTRATED IN A SMALL AREA IN  
THE EASTERN BASIN OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

22. TO THE END OF PARAGRAPH 59, AS REVISED IN REFTTEL C,  
YOU SHOULD ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: THE THREAT OF  
INTRODUCING SIZABLE SOVIET FORCES IN THE AREA, IF CARRIED  
OUT, WOULD HAVE MARKED THE FIRST TIME IN THE POST-WAR  
PERIOD THAT THE SOVIETS HAD DEPLOYED COMBAT FORCES INTO  
A ZONE OF ACTIVE HOSTILITIES IN A NON-CONTIGUOUS AREA.  
THIS MIGHT NOT ONLY HAVE UPSET THE MILITARY BALANCE IN  
THE AREA, BUT COULD HAVE ESTABLISHED A DANGEROUS  
PRECEDENT DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THE SECURITY INTERESTS  
OF NATO COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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